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SUBJECT: EVIDENCE ORGANIZED DRUG SMUGGLING

1. SUMMARY: CONGEN WISHES CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THREE NARCOTICS ARRESTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT DURING PAST YEAR WHICH WERE SIMILAR IN PATTERN. CONGEN BELIEVES EASE WITH WHICH OSTENSIBLE AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO HAVE LIMITED FUNDS OF THEIR OWN CAN QUICKLY OBTAIN LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY FOR BAIL AND LAWYERS MAY INDICATE THEY ARE WORKING FOR WELL-FINANCED SMUGGLING ORGANIZATIONS.

2. ROBERT ALLEN GIBBS (SEE MELBOURNE A-19 TO SCS DATED MAY 17, 1974). ARRESTED MAY 11, 1974 CHARGE WITH POSSESSION AND IMPORTATION 20 POUNDS COMPRESSED HASHISH. STATED HE IS MEMBER ORGANIZATION WHICH RAISES FUNDS FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HASHISH TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BAIL SET A\$2,000 WITH SURETY A\$2,000. GIBBS HAD ONLY A\$270 AT TIME OF ARREST. LAWYER RETAINED AND BOND POSTED BY THOMAS SANFORD MARLOWE, AMCIT WHO CAME HERE FOR THAT PURPOSE FROM SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. GIBBS PRESENTLY FREE ON BAIL. WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

3. THOMAS SANFORD MARLOWE (SEE MELBOURNE A40 TO SCS DATED NOV. 15, 1974). ARRESTED NOV. 4 FOR IMPORTATION 9-1/2 POUNDS CANNABIS AND OFFERING CUSTOMS OFFICER BRIBE. MARLOWE, WHO IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSON WHO POSTED BOND FOR GIBBS, TOLD ESSENTIALLY SAME STORY AS

GIBBS. BOND OF A\$10,000 PLUS TWO SURETIES OF A\$5,000 PAID BY
LOCAL FRIEND WHO OBTAINED PART OF FUNDS FROM SOURECE IN BANGKOK.
FREE ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL.

4. WILMA FUJII (SEE MELBOURNE A-26 TO SCS DATED JUNE 28, 1974).
ARRESTED JUNE 21, 1974, CHARGED WITH IMPORTATION 1-1/2 POUNDS
HASHISH AND SMALL AMOUNT OPIUM. STATED SHE WAS FREE-LANCE BUYER
ASIAN CURIOS AND DENIED ANY DRUG CONNECTIONS. RELEASED ON BOND
A\$1,500 PLUS A\$1,500 SURETY WHICH WAS POSTED BY FRIENDS SHE WAS
PLANNING TO MEET IN INDONESIA. CONVICTED SEP. 12, AND
SENTENCED
TO THREE YEARS PRISON.
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